

*Creating a comprehensive electronic network and staff development program  
for science educators*

## **Building a Presence for Science in Missouri**

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### **The Role of a Missouri Science Network Point of Contact**

- I) Serve as a volunteer leader of a team of all teachers of science within your school building for two years** (with opportunity to extend term of service)
- a) Circulate e-blast information
  - b) Maintain an accurate distribution list
  - c) Share information regarding standards-based professional development opportunities; curriculum, instruction, and assessment resources; and best practices in science teaching with your teacher colleagues
  - d) Become aware of teacher colleague needs and communicate them to the Key Leader (KL) via Building a Presence (BaP) Online
  - e) Receive and provide data and feedback regarding Missouri issues and goals and national directions in science education
  - f) Encourage participation in professional science education associations
- II) Serve as a member of a Points of Contact sharing team within the district or region**
- a) Make regular use of BaP Online to communicate with other Points of Contact and your Key Leader
  - b) Participate in a Building a Presence for Science Point of Contact (PoC) Training
    - Meet 1 day/year for PoC training at a regional site (every effort will be made to minimize time out of classroom)
  - c) Receive professional development on standards-based “Best Practices” in science curriculum, instruction, and assessment
    - Meet 3-5 days/year for PoC professional development at a regional site (every effort will be made to minimize time out of classroom)

#### **Criteria for Selection:**

- a) Willing to serve a minimum of 2 years as a Point of Contact
- b) Ability to use and reliable access to internet/email technology

#### **To Become a Point of Contact:**

- Visit the NSTA Building a Presence for Science website at <http://www.nsta.org/bap>.
- Select “Missouri” and “submit.”
- Type in the “school building name,” “city,” and/or “zip code” and “submit.”
- Select your building from the list of identified schools. (If your building is not listed, please contact a co-coordinator listed below.)

- Complete the personal, school, and demographic information; select a username and password; and “submit.”
- If submission is complete, you will receive an email message from a co-coordinator verifying receipt of their request to participate and will be assigned to a Key Leader if a Point of Contact is needed in your building.

**To find out more about the BaP program and how to be involved in Missouri BaP, contact:**

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**Missouri Building a Presence for Science, at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/newwebpages/science.html>**

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